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REF: (A) AC/141-WP/124 DTD 27 APR 78; (B) AC/259-D/591 DTD 19 AUG 77.

SUMMARY. DESPITE AN INTERNATIONAL STAFF ATTEMPT TO CHANGE THE PROCEDURAL STEPS FOR PHASE II OF THE NAPR TEST, THE NNAG AGREED THAT IT WOULD COMPLETE THE PHASE II STAGES AS WRITTEN, WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY WORKING TOWARD AGREED RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE NAPR STAGES FOR SUBMISSION TO THE FALL CNAD. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING ITS SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING (31 MAY - 1 JUNE), THE NATO NAVAL ARMAMENTS GROUP (NNAG) DISCUSSED THE NATO ARMAMENTS PLANNING REVIEW (NAPR). THE BASES FOR DISCUSSION WERE THREE VERSIONS OF A DRAFT REPORT BY THE NNAG TO THE CNAD DN NAPR PROCEDURES. ALL THREE VERSIONS REPORTED COMPLETION OF STAGE 10 OF PHASE I OF THE NAPR TEST TRIALS.
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THE DIFFERENCES IN THE THREE VERSIONS WERE IN THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO NAPR PROCEDURES, AS FOLLOWS:

- A. NAVAL ARMAMENTS SECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF ISSUED REF (A) ON 27 APRIL. THE NNAG AND ITS SUBORDINATE BODIES WOULD CARRY OUT STAGES 5 THROUGH 8 INSTEAD OF THE NAPR COORDINATOR AND NADREPS. ALSO THAT THE NNAG WOULD

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REPORT RESULTS ONLY AFTER SIGNIFICANT RECOMMENDATIONS
COULD BE MADE INSTEAD OF A RIGID ANNUAL TIMETABLE.
- B. NAVAL ARMAMENT SECTION REVISION TO REF (A) ISSUED
31 MAY 1978 ADDED A PARAGRAPH AMPLIFYING ARGUMENTS AGAINST
A RIGID TIMETABLE. SPECIFIED NEW STAGE 1 THROUGH 10 PRO-
CEDURES, REPLACING THE CURRENT 13 STAGES SPELLED OUT IN
REF (B), STATING THAT THESE NEW STAGES SHOULD BE USED
DURING PHASE II OF THE NAPR TRIALS.

- C. MODIFICATIONS TO THE REVISION OF REF (A) TABLED BY
THE UNITED KINGDOM DELEGATION ON 1 JUNE. THIS MODIFICATION
CHANGES STAGES 1 THROUGH 6 OF THE REVISION. THE PRINCIPLE
EFFECT WOULD BE TO LIMIT DETAILED ANALYSIS TO THE SIX
HIGHEST PRIORITY PROJECTS, AND INCLUDE A REVIEW BY NAD-
REPS, AUGMENTED BY SENIOR NATIONAL PLANNING OFFICERS.

2. DR. JEANNE MINTZ (OUSDR&E/A(PP)), AS THE PROSPECTIVE
CHAIRMAN OF A WORKING GROUP ON NAPR UNDER THE PAPS STUDY
GROUP, ATTENDED DURING THE NAPR DISCUSSION. FOLLOWING AN
INVITATION BY RADM MAINGUY (CANADA), CHAIRMAN NNAG, DR.
MINTZ EXPLAINED THE PURPOSE OF NAPR AND THE STATUS OF THE
NAPR TRIALS. AFTER A LIVELY DISCUSSION, THE CHAIRMAN
OBTAINED NNAG AGREEMENT ON THE 27 APRIL VERSION OF THE
REPORT (PARA 1A ABOVE). HE NEXT OBTAINED NNAG AGREEMENT
TO OFFER TO CNAD RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE NAPR PROCEDURES.
LED BY A U.S. NNAG REPRESENTATIVE INTERVENTION, WHICH WAS
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SUPPORTED AND AMPLIFIED BY THE BELGIAN NADREP (QUANIERS)
AND THE UK NNAG REPRESENTATIVE, THE NNAG AGREED THAT:

- A. THE NNAG WOULD COMPLETE THEIR PART OF THE PHASE II
NAPR TRIALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REF (B) PROCEDURES.

- B. THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF, WITH UK, US AND FRG ASSIS-
TANCE, WOULD COORDINATE THE THREE VERSIONS OF RECOMMENDED
CHANGES TO THE NAPR PROCEDURES AND CIRCULATE THEM AS A
WORKING PAPER. IF NATIONAL COMMENTS INDICATED A CONSENSUS
AGREEMENT, THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES WOULD BE FORWARDED TO
THE CNAD AS A DOCUMENT BY 1 SEPTEMBER 1978. GLITMAN

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